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SUBJ: EXCHANGES: MGU DELEGATION

REF: MOSCOW 11864, SEPT. 28, 1973; COUNTRY PLAN DTD.
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1. EMBASSY HAS HELD DISCUSSION WITH MGU CONCERNING
VISIT TO U.S. OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERS FROM MGU WHICH
WOULD INCLUDE RECTOR R. V. KHOKLOV. THIS POSSIBILITY
RAISED IN GENERAL TERMS DURING SEPTEMBER 1973 CALL
BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON AND PROPOSED MORE
SPECIFICALLY BY IREX IN SPRING, 1974. EMBASSY HAS
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REOPENED TOPIC SEVERAL TIMES SINCE, BUT MGU ONLY RECENTLY

READY TO DISCUSS CONCRETE PLAN.

2. PURPOSE OF VISIT WOULD BE TO INITIATE REGULAR HIGH-LEVEL CONTACTS BETWEEN AND AMERICAN HIGHER EDUCATION COMMUNITY AND EXPLORE WORKING-LEVEL IDEAS FOR FUTURE EXCHANGES AND TIES BETWEEN AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS AND MGU.

3. MGU WOULD LIKE TO SEND DELEGATION OF FIVE TO SEVEN PERSONS, HEADED BY RECTOR, IN APRIL, 1975. THEY WOULD EXAMINE TRENDS IN U.S. UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION. MODERNIZATION AND AUTOMATION IN UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS, LIBRARIES AND RESOURCE CENTERS, AND OTHER TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED AS CONCRETE PLANS ARE DEVELOPED. PROPOSED LENGTH IS TWO TO THREE WEEKS.

4. ALTHOUGH KHOKLOV MEMBER SUPREME SOVIET, SOVIETS DESIRE VISIT TO BE STRICTLY EDUCATIONAL WITH MINIMUM OF PROTOCOL AND MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY FOR OBSERVATION AND PERSONAL CONTACT WITH U.S. EDUCATORS.

5. SOVIETS WOULD PAY FOR INTERNATIONAL AIR FARE AND WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT AND IREX COULD SHARE INTERNAL U.S. COSTS AND ARRANGEMENTS. BELIEVE ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON WILL WISH RECEIVE RECTOR KHOKLOV AND PARTY IN WASHINGTON TO CONTINUE RELATIONSHIP BEGUN IN 1973.

6. IF DEPARTMENT CONCURS, RECOMMEND LETTER OF INVITATION TO RECTOR BE EXTENDED BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON ON BEHALF DEPARTMENT AND IREX. INVITATION MAY BE PRESENTED DURING AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON RECTOR. IT SHOULD SUGGEST DELEGATION OF FIVE TO SEVEN PERSONS FOR TWO TO THREE WEEKS. COPY FOR MIN HIGHER ED SHOULD BE INCLUDED.

7. MGU WOULD WELCOME FUTURE AMERICAN DELEGATION IN RETURN, HOPEFULLY TO FOLLOW UP ON IDEAS TO BE DEVELOPED DURING APRIL SOVIET VISIT. STOESSEL UNQTE KISSINGER

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